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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: SEMI-ARID TECHNICAL SEMINAR

1. IMAGINATIVE PROGRAMMING, HIGHLIGHTED BY A RECEPTION AND FORMAL LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR BOLEN FOR BOTSWANA AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCE LEADERS, CAPPED THE SEMI-ARID LAND TECHNICAL SEMINAR MISSION TO AFRICA. SEVERAL SOLID FUTURE BUSINESS LEADS WERE DEVELOPED AT THE ABOVE EVENTS FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR SESSIONS AT THE HOLIDAY INN. WHILE ATTENDANCE WAS MODERATE DUE TO THE SUDDEN CONVENING OF PARLIAMENT ON MONDAY, MARCH 8, THE QUALITY OF THE ATTENDEES WAS HIGH.

2. LOGISTICS AND ABUNDANT APPOINTMENT SCHEDULES FOR MISSION MEMBERS WERE HANDLED IN AN OUTSTANDING MANNER THROUGH ECONOMIC COMMERCIAL OFFICER WILLIAM POPE. EMBASSY ADMIN OFFICER PAUL HOOPER

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PROVIDED EXCELLENT SUPPORT WITH TRANSPORTATION AND AIR SERVICES

THE ENTIRE EMBASSY CREATED AN ENTHUSIASTIC BACKGROUND UPON WHICH THE MISSION MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO DEVOTE THEIR TIME TO SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS CONTACTS.

3. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 6, THE MISSION WAS MET AND BRIEFED BY PRETORIA AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE RABO KINZHUBER, WHO ALSO AIDED AND ACCOMPANIED THE MISSION TO BOTSWANA. HE IS ALSO PLANNING A RECEPTION FOR THE MISSION MEMBERS ON MARCH 11 IN PRETORIA WITH LEADING SOUTH AFRICAN AGRI-BUSINESS OFFICIALS.

4. ELLER OF M AND W PUMP PLANNING VISIT TO NIGERIA TO FINALIZE CONTRACT THERE. ADAMS RETURNING TO KHARTOUM AND NEAR OF HASTINGS WILL VISIT WITH OFFICIALS IN LUSAKA AND MOROCCO.

5. ALL MISSION MEMBERS REPORT HIGHLY PLEASED WITH TECHNICAL SEMINAR PROGRAM AND RESULTS OF TWO-WEEK JOURNEY.

6. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE WERE MOST IMPRESSED WITH QUALITY OF SEMINAR MEMBERS. PRESENTATIONS WERE INTERESTING AND EVOKED GOOD RESPONSE FROM BOTSWANA AUDIENCE. DR. R. B. WILSON HANDLED GROUP IN PROFESSIONAL WAY AND ADVANCE OFFICER GAYNOR S PRESENCE WAS MOST WELCOME IN SMOOTH RUNNING OF SEMINARS AND APPOINTMENTS. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT ADVANCE OFFICERS ACCOMPANY TMS AND TSS S, PARTICULARLY TO SMALL, UNDERSTAFFED POSTS.
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